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Mayor Menino Announces Creation of WiFi Task Force

In an address to the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council this morning, Mayor Thomas M. Menino today announced that he is forming a task force to make Boston a world leader in wireless Internet access.

“New technology is constantly changing the way we live, allowing us to do things better, faster, and more efficiently. Perhaps no form of technology is more exciting than WiFi, which offers Internet access that is convenient and affordable,” Mayor Menino said. “Today I am proud to announce the creation of a Wireless Task Force. It will be made up of representatives from the business, academic and wireless communities.”

The new task force will be co-chaired by Joyce Plotkin, President of the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council, Jim Cash, a former Harvard Business School professor who serves on the boards of Microsoft and General Electric, and Rick Burnes, co-founder and Director, Charles River Ventures. The task force will explore how the city can utilize its assets, such as street lights and buildings, to create an innovative wireless system that works for Boston and will deliver a report including recommendations to Mayor Menino in the summer.

Residents of the City of Boston are currently able to enjoy the benefits of WiFi in 28 public libraries across the city and in several of the city’s Main Streets Districts. In addition, plans are underway to provide WiFi access along portions of the Greenway.

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City of Boston Wireless Task Force Members

Name	Title and Affiliation
Co-Chairs	
Joyce Plotkin	President, Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council
James Cash	Retired Professor, Harvard Business School
Rick Burnes	Co-Founder and Director, Charles River Ventures
Business	
Mark Lowenstein	Managing Director, Mobile Ecosystems
Pam Reeve	Former CEO of Lightbridge; Principal, Kairos Group
Robin Chase	Co-Founder and former CEO, ZipCar
Mitch Adams	Executive Director, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
Jane Sheng	President, HiQ Computers
Academia	
Masoud Salehi	Professor of Electrical Engineering, Northeastern Univ.
Sandy Pascal	Associate VP of Community Affairs, Wentworth Institute of Technology
Sharon Gillett	Executive Director, Internet and Telecom Convergence. MIT
Kevin McCluskey	Director of Community Affairs, Harvard University
Michail Bletsas	Chief Connectivity Officer, One Laptop per Child, MIT Media Lab
Community	
Nyvia Colon	Coordinator, Technology Goes Home, Madison Park Development Corp.
Michael Oh	Founder and CEO, Tech SuperPowers and Newbury Open Net
Brian Worobey	VP of Information Systems and Resources, Museum of Science
Edward Baafi	South End Tech Center
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Bo Holland	CIO, City of Boston
Bob Tumposky	Deputy Director, Management Information Systems, BRA
Mike Lynch	Director, Cable Communications, City of Boston
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